



*The Violet-hâtive Nectarine.*

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The variety of Nectarine here given, is more generally cultivated than, perhaps, any other, and is sometimes called simply the *Violet Nectarine*: a term given, by the French Naturalists, to all those fruits of the *Peach* tribe having a smooth skin, and whose flesh separates readily from the stone; whereas those whose flesh adheres to the stone are by them called *Brugnons*. It is also the same fruit with the *Scarlet Nectarine*.

The tree is a free grower, and an abundant bearer: the blossom is small, of a deep red, particularly within; not much expanded; filaments rather short. Leaves deep green, moderately serrated, or rather scalloped. Fruit oval, of good size, the cleft or furrow rather deep towards the point; of a dark purple on the side next the sun, with sometimes a little mixture of scarlet: on the opposite side it is yellowish. The flesh is white, with a tinge of yellowish green, having a blotched circle of beautiful dark red round the stone, from which it separates very easily when ripe, leaving many short filaments; of very delicate flavour, juicy, and sweet. The stone is small. This variety generally ripens in August, about a week later than the *Ehrage*. It forces well.

The drawing was taken from a very fine specimen, which ripened in the garden of D. BEALE, Esq. at *Edmonton*, in 1811.

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